Strike by Lawyers

2759. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Lawyers in various parts of the country particulary in the national capital are freque frequently going on strike thereby adversely affecting the litigants and the judicial process resulting in adjournment and piling of the pending cases;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and how many times lawyers have gone on strike in defferent parts of the country including National capital during the last one year;

(c) what are the reasons because of lawyers go on strike;

(d) whether Government propose to amend the Advocate Act to put a check on the strike by lawyers in the large interest of the litigants and judicial process; and

(e) if not, what remedial action Government propose to take in the regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINSTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(d) and (e) The recommendations of the Law Commission on the question of strikes by lawyers, as contained in its 131st Report, were considered in consultation with the Bar Council of India and it has been decided not to undertake any amendment to the Advocate Act, in this regard.

सरकार द्वारा अपनाए गए बचत-उपाय

2760. **श्री गोपालसिंह जी० सोलंकी:** क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) उनके मंत्रालय द्वारा खर्च में कमी करने के लिए अपनाए गए बचत उपायों का ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(ख) इन उपायों को अपना कर अब तक कितनी धनराशि की बचत की गई है?

विधि, न्याय और कम्पनी कार्य मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री हंसराज भारद्वाज): (क) और (ख) मितव्ययिता संबंधी उपायों के बारे में वित्त मंत्रालय द्वारा, समय-समय पर, सभी मंत्रालय/विभागों को जारी किए गए अनुदेशों का विधि, न्याय और कम्पनी कार्य मंत्रालय द्वारा ईमानदारी से पालन किया गया है। परिणामस्वरूप, मंत्रालय का कुल व्यय संसद द्वारा पारित 1992-93 के अनुमोदित बजट का प्राक्कलन की सीमा में रखा गया है।

Appointment of Judges to the Supreme Court

2761. SHRI S. MADHAVAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the appointment of Judges to the Supreme Court from the High Courts are made according to seniority;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is a fact that the Judges of some High Courts resigned as a protest against the elevation of their juniors to the Supreme Court; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) and (b) Appointment of Judges to the Supreme Court are made by the President after following the procedure prescribed in Article 124 of the Constitution. Article 124(3) lays down the qualification for appointment as Judge of the Supreme Court and provides that a person shall not be qualified for appointment as a Judge of the Supreme Court unless he has been for at least five years a Judge of a High Court or of two or more such Courts in succession; or has been for at least ten years an advocate of a High Court or of two or more such Courts in succession, or is, in the opinion of the President, a distinguished jurist.

(c) and (d) A chief Justice of a High Court recently resigned. One of the reasons give by him was his non-